

CITIZENS' INDEPENDENT TRANSPORTATION TRUST (CITT)
Executive Planning Committee
Special Meeting
March 30, 2005
Stephen P. Clark Center
111 NW 1st Street
10th Floor Conference Room
2:00 p.m.

Summary of Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Marc Buoniconti, Chairman
Miles Moss, P.E., Vice-Chairman
Theodore Wilde
Hon. James Reeder

Henry Givens
Hon. Linda Zilber

COUNTY ATTORNEY:

Bruce Libhaber

OTHERS PRESENT:

Nan A. Markowitz, Executive Director, OCITT
David Tinder, PWD
Winsome Bowen, HDNR, Engineer
Jeff Easely, Reynolds, Smith &
Hills, Engineer

John Prats, OCITT
Mary Conway, City of Miami
Mayra Bustamante, MDT
Theejunia Adams, OCITT

ROLL CALL

With a quorum present, Mr. Buoniconti called the meeting to order at 2 p.m.

ACTION ITEM

A. RESOLUTION BY THE CITIZENS' INDEPENDENT TRANSPORTATION TRUST (CITT) APPROVING THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' (BCC) ACTION, AUTHORIZING A JOINT PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT (JPA) BETWEEN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND THE CITY OF MIAMI TO PROVIDE FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$500,000 FOR THE MIAMI RIVER TUNNEL FEASIBILITY STUDY

Mr. Buoniconti reported that a copy of the Revised Scope of Services (Exhibit A) was distributed, and he was comfortable forwarding the item to the full Trust. Mr. Givens added that he was uncomfortable with the issue regarding the Joint Participation Agreement with the City of Miami's Grand Avenue project and was concerned about the possibility of its repetition. Mr. David Tinder, PTP Coordinator, Public Works Department, stated that there is a section for public involvement mentioned in Section A-4, 1.0 to address those concerns. In addition, Mr. Tinder stated that there are other phases that will be coming up for approval and those comments will definitely be incorporated at that time.

Mr. Moss stated that he was under the presumption that construction of the tunnel would not begin for two years after the study is completed. He made reference to the actual wording in A-9, section 2.29, second sentence, and asked how many options are available? Mr. Tinder stated that the item should reflect bridge and tunnel, with a maximum of three alternative methods. Mary Conway from the City of Miami stated the entire project dates back to the time when the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) was proposing to replace the Southwest Second Avenue Bridge. At that time, the City decided to look at other options rather than replacing the existing bridge. Ms. Conway further commented that there was a collaborative compromise between Miami-Dade County, FDOT, and the City of Miami, to look at a tunnel in the future. She said that this was how the project started. Currently there are three bridges that connect the Brickell area with the downtown business core.

Mr. Tinder noted that the original language referencing First Avenue has been taken out. All references to "just a tunnel" has been taken out.

Mr. Miles Moss moved to forward the item. The motion was seconded by Ms. Linda Zilber and carried without dissent.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the EPC meeting adjourned at 2:41 p.m.

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